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Falklands Crisis	
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Central American Coverage	
The French new agency, AFP, began a new service on 15 April in Spanish for clients in the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico, Central America, Colombia, and Venezuela. The new transmission is being monitored by the FBIS Panama Bureau.	25X1
Daily Report/Wire Automation	
The FBIS "MIDAS" Programautomation of the Daily Report and the Wire Servicecontinues to move toward early implementation. The factory acceptance test of the system is now scheduled for the week of 24 May. Two of four training classes to teach editors how to use the system have now been completed, including the publishing of a test Daily Report volume using P&PD's phototypesetter. Further editor training classes and three courses for system operators will be held in the Key Building after the factory acceptance test.	25 X 1
Services to State Department: Middle East Issues	
State Department officers frequently call FBIS analysts for quick services ranging from research in media sources to definitions of foreign regimes' public policies and advice on identifying media statements that could be used in negotiations with foreign governments. Several recent examples relate to Middle East issues. For the U.S. team negotiating with Egypt and Israel on the Sinai withdrawal, FBIS analysts determined that Egyptian top leaders had made no allusions in public media over the past two years to terrorist attacks on Israeli targets. The Department's legal staff was advised on Iranian media sources most likely to yield support for arguments in a U.S. legal brief to be filed with the arbitration tribunal on U.S. and Iranian financial claims. And State INR was briefed on Soviet leaders' statements concerning Saudi Arabia, Oman, and the Yemens.	25 X 1
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Support for High Level Officials

Scott Eckwerth, staff assistant to Vice President Bush, phoned the FBIS Wire Service for information and details on the death of former French Foreign Minister de Guiringaud.

The FBIS Tel Aviv Bureau extended its operating hours at Embassy request in connection with the visit of Deputy Secretary Stoessel on the Sinai question.